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| Applicant(s): Uhlenbrock et al. |) | Group Art Unit: | 2822 |
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| For: METHODS FOR PLANARIZATION OF GROUP VIII METAL- CONTAINING SURFACES USING OXIDIZING GASES |) | | |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."

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